Senate Engrossed House Bill

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## **HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 2005**

A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REAUTHORIZE SECTION 1011 OF THE MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG, IMPROVEMENT, AND MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2003 TO REIMBURSE STATES FOR PROVIDING EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR ALIENS.

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To the Congress of the United States:

Your memorialist respectfully represents:

Whereas, hospitals, physicians and ambulance providers are required by the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act to provide emergency health care services to undocumented aliens, aliens paroled into the United States at a United States port of entry for the purpose of receiving such services, and Mexican citizens permitted temporary entry to the United States with laser visa; and

Whereas, the Section 1011 program of the federal Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 appropriated \$250 million per year for fiscal years 2004-2005 through 2007-2008 to pay states for emergency health care services for undocumented aliens that would otherwise be unreimbursed; and

Whereas, Arizona is one of six states with the highest number of undocumented aliens in the country and has received approximately \$181.8 million of these federal monies to provide emergency health care services to this population; and

Whereas, the Section 1011 program expired on September 30, 2008, and states will no longer receive federal reimbursement for the emergency health care of undocumented aliens.

Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

- 1. That the United States Congress reauthorize Section 1011 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 to pay states for their unreimbursed costs of providing emergency health care services to undocumented aliens, aliens paroled into the United States at a United States port of entry for the purpose of receiving such services, and Mexican citizens permitted temporary entry to the United States with a laser Visa.
- 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE MARCH 22, 2010.

PASSED BY THE SENATE APRIL 28, 2010.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 29, 2010.

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